



Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



January, 2022

The new year started off with the Redwater RCMP responding to a total of 347 calls for the month of January which included:

- Assault with a Weapon/Causing Bodily Harm.
- Break and Enter Residence (x7)
- Fraud (x4)
- Mischief (x5)
- Impaired Operation of a Conveyance (x2)
- Theft (x3)
- Theft of Motor Vehicle (x4)
- Motor Vehicle Collisions (x28)

On January 4th, 2023, an officer was conducting proactive patrols in the area of Highway 63 and Highway 18 when they observed a northbound red Hyundai Kona traveling at a high rate of speed. The officer was able to determine, by use of radar, that the vehicle was driving 152 km/h in a 100 km/h zone. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and the female driver advised that she needed to use the washroom and that her GPS had advised her that the next washroom was 1 hour away. The officer was able to determine that the driver would have passed a few options to use the washroom, such as the Town of Redwater and more recently, the weigh scales a few kilometers back. Further investigation by the officer revealed that the speedy Hyundai Kona was in fact a rental vehicle. The officer called the rental company to advise them, as they were the owners, the manner in which their vehicle was being driven and the rental company advised that they were immediately terminating the rental contract due to the speed in which the vehicle was being driven and requested the vehicle be towed as there was no longer an authorized driver. The officer towed the vehicle and issued the 30-year-old female from Calgary, Alberta, a summons to appear in court for speeding.

On January 7th, 2023, during proactive patrols, officers observed a vehicle in a high crime rural area that was traveling on a range road at a high rate of speed. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and quickly determined that the lone male driver was suspended from operating a motor vehicle, was prohibited from possessing firearms, and also had a warrant for their arrest for failing to appear in court. Further investigation revealed that the licence plate did not match the vehicle, but the driver was





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able to provide a bill of sale indicating that they had purchased the vehicle some time ago, but was unable to provide insurance. The driver was arrested and a subsequent search of the vehicle revealed that the driver was in possession of what is believed to be a homemade firearm. The driver was also found to currently be on probation and as a result was transported to the Redwater Detachment for a Judicial Interim Release hearing (a bail hearing), where he was remanded in custody.

As a result of his actions **Kyle Moore** (36), a resident of Bon Accord, Alberta has been charged with the following:

- Fail to Comply with a Probation Order.
- Unsafe Storage of a Firearm.
- Possession of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle.
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.

Kyle Moore is due next in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court on February 2, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

On January 19th, 2023, at approximately 9:15 p.m. Redwater RCMP received a complaint of a stolen vehicle from a rural property in Thorhild County. The victim reported that a male and female had approached their residence asking for assistance as the vehicle they were driving went off the road and was stuck in the ditch and they were cold. The victim allowed the male and female into the residence to allow them to warm up. A short time later, the male and female departed the residence to return to their car, at which time the victim noticed that their garage door was wide open and their truck was missing. The investigation revealed that while they were the house warming up, the male and female were able to steal a set of keys for the truck that was located in the garage. When they left, they broke into the garage, stole the truck, and then used it to ram through a closed gate on the property and fled from the area. After completing their investigation, the officer was able to identify the female suspect and a warrant for her arrest has been requested.





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February's Traffic Safety Focus is Distracted Driving

For the month of February Alberta RCMP Traffic Redwater, Redwater RCMP, and Smoky Lake RCMP will be focusing on enforcement of the Province's Distracted Driving legislation.

Driving is one of the most complex tasks a person can do on a daily basis, as it involves operating a vehicle on the road while also paying attention to traffic signals, other drivers and road users, road conditions, and weather. When a driver becomes distracted, their ability to carry out this task safely is compromised. Drivers should always make sure their eyes and mind are fully on the road the moment they get behind the wheel.

Their key message from Sgt Sheldon Robb for Alberta RCMP Traffic Redwater is simply, "Focus on the road, not your phone".

Distracted driving facts:

- Research shows that distracted driving plays a role in 20 to 30 per cent of all collisions, and distracted drivers are three times more likely to be involved in collisions than attentive drivers.
- Some studies have shown that texting impairs driving more than alcohol or drugs.
- The penalty for distracted driving in Alberta is a \$300 fine and three demerit points.
- Between September 1, 2011, when distracted driving legislation was introduced, and March 31, 2020, there were 208,176 convictions.
- 96 per cent of these convictions were for using a hand-held communication or electronic device while driving.
- Drivers can stay alert and attentive by following a few tips: putting their phones out of reach; keeping both hands on the wheel; programming GPS units, radio, or audio systems before driving; and pulling over if needed.

Sgt ROBB states, "Distracted driving can be just as or more dangerous than impaired driving and your life and the public's lives are at risk if you choose to drive while distracted". Drive safe!





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Coffee with a Cop

Redwater RCMP is dedicated to maintaining direct open lines of communication with the communities we serve. We would like to get to know area residents better, discuss your concerns and ideas about law enforcement and conversely create an opportunity for you to get to know your local police officers and discuss our duties and responsibilities. Coffee with a Cop will be held on the first Tuesday of each month where you will find a Redwater Detachment officer having coffee, barring any emergency.

- Tim Hortons – Town of Redwater - 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
- The Corner Store – Town of Thorhild – 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Feel free to stop in and have a coffee with us.

Redwater RCMP is seeking community feedback. In order to seek important input from all stakeholders, Redwater RCMP will be completing monthly police briefs (like this one) in order to keep the public aware of our activities in the communities. In addition, we encourage interaction and anyone with any inquiries, questions, comments can contact us at Kredwatercommunityfeedback@rcmp-grc.gc.ca . All email submissions will remain anonymous. During each monthly police brief, members of the detachment will answer a few of the questions asked. We look forward to hearing from you.

